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GO SERV "SPOTLIGHT" HONORS SONOMA VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Works to Improve the Lives of Those in Her Community

SACRAMENTO – This week, the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) *Spotlight* shines on Ruth Roberson, an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow serving at the Sonoma State Service Collaborative. Promise Fellows are dedicated to providing youth with the Five Promises: caring adults, safe places, healthy start, marketable skills, and opportunities to serve.

"We need more volunteers like Ruth Roberson who recognize what a difference a kind and caring adult can have in a child's life," Executive Director of GO SERV, Chuck Supple said.

Ruth will soon complete her first term with the Collaborative and has already committed to serve a second term. Ruth's role with the Collaborative is as a recruiter and service event planner. She has helped recruit and engage over 300 volunteers to mentor 1200 children. Ruth's vast knowledge of gardens has led her to plan service projects helping restore school gardens in local elementary schools. Recently, Ruth planned a service event where children and community volunteers worked to landscape and make quilts for their school. During her time as a Promise Fellow, she has realized that committing to others and keeping a positive attitude can leave a long and lasting impression on those she serves.

The GO SERV *Spotlight* is a weekly recognition program, honoring community service organizations or individuals involved in community service. To view the full *Spotlight* story, please visit the GO SERV Web site at www.goserv.ca.gov.

Spotlight nomination forms, as well as other volunteer opportunities, are also available on GO SERV's website.